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1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization;  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the establishment of a smart growth policy work group  
1-9 and the development of a smart growth policy for this state.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Chapter 2060 to read as follows:

1-13 CHAPTER 2060. SMART GROWTH POLICY

1-14 Sec. 2060.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "work group"  
1-15 means the work group on smart growth policy established under this  
1-16 chapter.

1-17 Sec. 2060.002. WORK GROUP ON SMART GROWTH POLICY. (a) The  
1-18 work group is composed of a representative from the following  
1-19 agencies appointed by the executive head of the agency:

1-20 (1) the comptroller's office;  
1-21 (2) the Texas Department of Transportation;  
1-22 (3) the Texas Department of Housing and Community

1-23 Affairs;

1-24 (4) the Department of State Health Services;  
1-25 (5) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;  
1-26 (6) the Texas Workforce Commission;  
1-27 (7) the General Land Office;  
1-28 (8) the Office of Rural Community Affairs;  
1-29 (9) the Railroad Commission of Texas;  
1-30 (10) the Department of Agriculture;  
1-31 (11) the Texas Education Agency; and  
1-32 (12) other state or regional agencies considered  
1-33 necessary by the co-presiding officers of the work group.

1-34 (b) The representatives from the Texas Department of  
1-35 Transportation, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and  
1-36 the Department of State Health Services shall serve as co-presiding  
1-37 officers of the work group.

1-38 (c) The work group shall hold regular meetings.

1-39 Sec. 2060.003. DUTIES OF WORK GROUP. (a) The work group  
1-40 shall collaborate and develop a comprehensive smart growth plan for  
1-41 the state to prepare for the projected population growth in the  
1-42 state.

1-43 (b) In developing the plan, the work group shall consider  
1-44 and develop policies for addressing:

1-45 (1) the quality of community life;  
1-46 (2) the design of municipalities, counties, and  
1-47 regions;

1-48 (3) economic issues;  
1-49 (4) environmental issues;  
1-50 (5) health issues;  
1-51 (6) housing issues;  
1-52 (7) transportation issues;  
1-53 (8) mixed land use;  
1-54 (9) gentrification;

1-55 (10) development decisions that are predictable,  
1-56 fair, and cost-effective; and

1-57 (11) the encouragement of community and stakeholder  
1-58 collaboration in development decisions.

1-59 (c) The work group shall coordinate with councils of  
1-60 government, regional mobility organizations, metropolitan planning  
1-61 associations, and smart growth experts in the public and private  
1-62 sectors, including the United States Environmental Protection  
1-63 Agency and planning departments in other states.

1-64 (d) The work group shall solicit and obtain input from

2-1 relevant stakeholders.

2-2 Sec. 2060.004. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than  
2-3 January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the work group shall submit a  
2-4 report to the legislature on the smart growth plan and policies  
2-5 developed by the work group under this chapter.

2-6 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2009, the executive  
2-7 head of each agency included on the work group under Chapter 2060,  
2-8 Government Code, as added by this Act, shall appoint a  
2-9 representative to the work group on smart growth policy.

2-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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